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EXDIS FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG FROM UNA

FOLLOWING REPEAT PORT MORESBY 0127 ACTION SECSTATE
INFO BANGKOK JAKARTA KUALA LUMPUR SINGAPORE TOKYO JAN 23

QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT MORESBY 0127

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FOR ASST SEC HOLBROOKE FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP ESCAP PP

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE ANDREW YOUNG TRIP TO EA COUNTRIES

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1. I BELIEVE A VISIT TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA BY AMBASSADOR
YOUNG WOULD BE EXTREMELY USEFUL. HE WOULD BE THE MOST
SENIOR US OFFICIAL EVER TO VISIT THE COUNTRY. FURTHER, HE
WOULD BE BEST KNOWN AMERICAN TO COME HERE SINCE GENERAL
MACARTHUR DEPARTED FOR THE PHILIPPINES. I FEEL SURE THE
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GPNG WOULD BE VERY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT HAVING HIM HERE.

2. WITH RESPECT TO TIMING, WE MUCH PREFER A VISIT PRIOR
TO THE ESCAP MARCH 7 MEETING. WE HAVE OUR FIRST MAJOR
US TRADE EXHIBITION SCHEDULED FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 13, A
TIME-CONSUMING UNDERTAKING FOR A SMALL POST.

3. I URGE THAT AMB YOUNG STAY HERE AT LEAST 48 HOURS TO PERMIT FOLLOWING PROGRAM: CALLS ON GOVERNOR GENERAL, PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER. SPEECH AT UNIVERSITY OF PNG WHERE HE WOULD FIND ENTHUSIASTIC AND RECEPTIVE AUDIENCE VERY INTERESTED IN HUMAN RIGHTS, AFRICA AND EMERGING THIRD WORLD. INFORMAL DINNER TO MEET BROADER RANGE OF LEADERS. BELIEVE HE WOULD ALSO ENJOY VISITING NATIONAL MUSEUM, NATIONAL ARTS SCHOOL AND VILLAGE ARTS. GPNG WOULD BE VERY FLATTERED BY INTEREST SHOWN IN THESE GROUPS.

4. A 72-HOUR VISIT WOULD PERMIT A FLIGHT TO THE SEPIK RIVER AREA WITH AN OVERNIGHT TRIP ON SEPIK HOUSEBOAT AND SIDE TRIPS TO VILLAGES ON THE SMALL TRIBUTARIES IN ADDITION TO SCHEDULE IN PARA 3. OUT OF MORESBY TRAVEL BY CODEL WOLFF MADE VISIT MUCH MORE MEANINGFUL, AND BELIEVE AMB YOUNG WOULD HAVE SAME REACTION. SEPIK SIDE TRIP WOULD, OF COURSE, DEPEND UPON AVAILABILITY OF LIGHT AIRCRAFT, PERHAPS THE ATTACHE' PLANE FROM JAKARTA.

5. WE NEED TO KNOW TIMING, DURATION OF VISIT, NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN PARTY, AND TYPE OF AIRCRAFT (IF USG PLANE). I HOPE YOU AND BLYTHE WILL BE IN PARTY.
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